DANDEMONG HIGH SCHOOL
INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

Policy Statement

Schools have a duty of care to staff and students at all times. This duty of care includes protection against inclement weather during times when students would normally be outside.

Purpose

- To ensure the well-being of students and staff during times of inclement weather by consistently implementing a planned management strategy that will cater for all circumstances.

Implementation

- As part of the usual yard duty timetable process, an inclement weather timetable will be activated by the Principal when conditions outside are considered to be unsuitable for students and staff
- Inclement weather is generally defined as extreme heat, rain, lightning, or any other condition that is considered by the Principal to be unsuitable
- **In the case of extreme heat** – where the Weather Bureau predicts extreme temperatures for the following day, a notice will be sent home indicating that lunchtime and the school day will be shortened by 15 minutes
- **In the case of wet weather** – where wet weather is obvious prior to students being dismissed for lunch, an announcement will be made by the Daily Organiser that the Inclement Weather timetable will be followed
- In the case of inclement weather, lunchtime will be shortened by 15 minutes and the school day will end 15 minutes earlier
- Bus travellers will be supervised by staff in suitable rooms until 3.20 pm
- Students will be permitted to use specified learning spaces in which to eat their lunch and to undertake passive activities
- Supervision of these learning spaces will be undertaken by members of the House Leadership Teams, emergency yard duty teachers and other duty teachers re-allocated to indoor supervision. Unless re-allocated, usual yard duty staff should remain in their designated duty areas
- Students eating in designated areas must remain seated.
- All staff and students should wear broad-brimmed hats and sun screen during Terms 1 and 4 consistent with the school’s Sunsmart Policy
- Scheduled sport, physical education or other outside lunchtime activities will need to be rescheduled or alternatively organised during times of non-inclement weather.

School Council Endorsement Date: 20 NOVEMBER 2012